

MINUTES
GRANBY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Special Meeting
Monday, October 19, 2015
6:15 pm

Present: Chairman Marty Schwager, Jim Caldwell, Rob Rome and Ken Kuhl. Fran Armentano, Director of Community Development was also in attendance.

The meeting opened at 6:15 pm at 2 Park Place Granby Center.

The members toured the facility with owner Eric Manardi. The former residential home has been redesigned as Personalized Work (office) Spaces. Business or individuals can lease one desk, one suite or multiples of both. Short term commitments are available. The spaces come with the use of a conference room and include all heat, hot water, electricity, phone, internet, Wi-Fi, phone and onsite IT support. The building looks over the Town Green and is an easy walk to commercial businesses and restaurants located throughout the Center. The Development Commission members were very impressed with the renovations and opined that the use was needed in today's environment. All were confident that the future users of the space would enjoy and find success operating within Granby Center.

The members walked across the street to tour the Leake property at 8 East Granby Road. The property is currently available for sale. The property was most recently used as a single family home. The beautiful historic building has over 3,000 square feet of living space and has a gross area of almost 7,000 square feet. It is a mix of renovated areas and preserved historic features. The members spent a significant amount of time viewing the numerous rooms. They discussed a wide range of opportunities for re-development and noted the possibilities under the Center Commons zone.

The members returned to the Town Complex for a meeting. They discussed the overall economic climate, the Greenway Village development, housing construction, anticipated new commercial tenants, proposed sidewalk construction and more.

The meeting ended at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Armentano